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RECENT EVENTS REVEAL DISSATISFACTION  
OF KWANGTUNG PEOPLE WITH COMMUNIST RULE

SOUTH KWANGTUNG COMMUNISTS JOIN KMT GUERRILLAS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 17 Jan 50

Ch'en Keng's army recently ordered local Communists in South Kwangtung to round up a number of young women to comfort the troops. This aroused their ire. Ch'en Keng had wanted to incorporate these local Communists into his army, but they have preferred to remain independent. Controversy has become so fierce that many local people, resentful of Communist domination, are joining the Kuomintang guerrillas.

Travelers from Lei-chou Peninsula to Hainan report that fishermen, unwilling to be used by the Communists and fearful of bombings by the Kuomintang air force, continue to flee the area. Some have made their way to Hainan.

Nationalist planes have dropped large quantities of leaflets urging fishing craft to seek safety. Their propaganda has been quite effective. Efforts are also being made to boost the morale of Nationalist troops on Hainan. They are being given political and military training. The air force is confident it can crush any Communist attempt at landing on the island. The navy is also patrolling against invasion.

RUMORS SHOW DISSATISFACTION AMONG KUANG-CHOU PEOPLE -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 7 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 5 February -- There is a feeling of uncertainty and dissatisfaction with Communist rule as indicated by the rumors circulating among the people. One recent rumor, which stimulated fear among the populace, was that the Communist troops in the Tung Chiang area were annihilated by guerrilla units. Other rumors being circulated are that the cold war between US and USSR has turned to a hot war, that the US has a hydrogen bomb, a noiseless bomb and other secret weapons, that the city of Shao-kuan was suddenly wiped off of the face of the earth.

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These rumors may not all be true, but they indicate clearly that there is uncertainty in the hearts of the people, that the people are already disgusted with the present regime, and that they are looking forward to the day when they will be liberated from the Communist bondage.

On a stone pillar, in front of the Han-min Park (changed to People's Park by the Communists), passers-by recently noticed a big poster which read: "Chiang says Mao is a bandit. Mao says Chiang is a bandit. In that case all of us must be bandits. The Nationalist troops are receiving aid from the US. The Communist are being helped by the USSR. But nobody helps the people."

RUSSIANS IN KUANG-CHOU INCREASE -- Hsing-sheng Wan-pao, 3 Feb 50

The number of Russians in Kuang-chou is increasing. Before November 1949, there were about 25, including motion-picture technicians and military experts. In recent months the number has doubled. The exact number is known only to the local Communist authorities.

Since December 1949, most of the Russians have moved into apartments in Plum Blossom Village. Recently, the Communist authorities declared the village a "martial law area." A Communist interpreter always accompanies each Russian on the street. The medium of interpretation is usually French or English.

KUANG-CHOU POPULATION DROPS TO 1,350,000 -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 22 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 21 January -- According to the preliminary census recently completed in Kuang-chou, the population of the city, as of the end of 1949, was 1,352,000. This is about 100,000 less than the former Kuang-chou population of 1,450,000.

FARMERS COOL TOWARD WINTER CULTIVATION -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 29 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 28 January -- In order to increase agricultural production in the suburbs of Kuang-chou, the 132d Division of the Communist forces has been requisitioning the help of the local farmers in winter cultivation of wasteland areas.

Although the farmers have been promised the aid of Communist troops, they are cool toward this new encroachment on their freedom. Besides, they are reluctant to break their age-old habit of resting up during the winter months.

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